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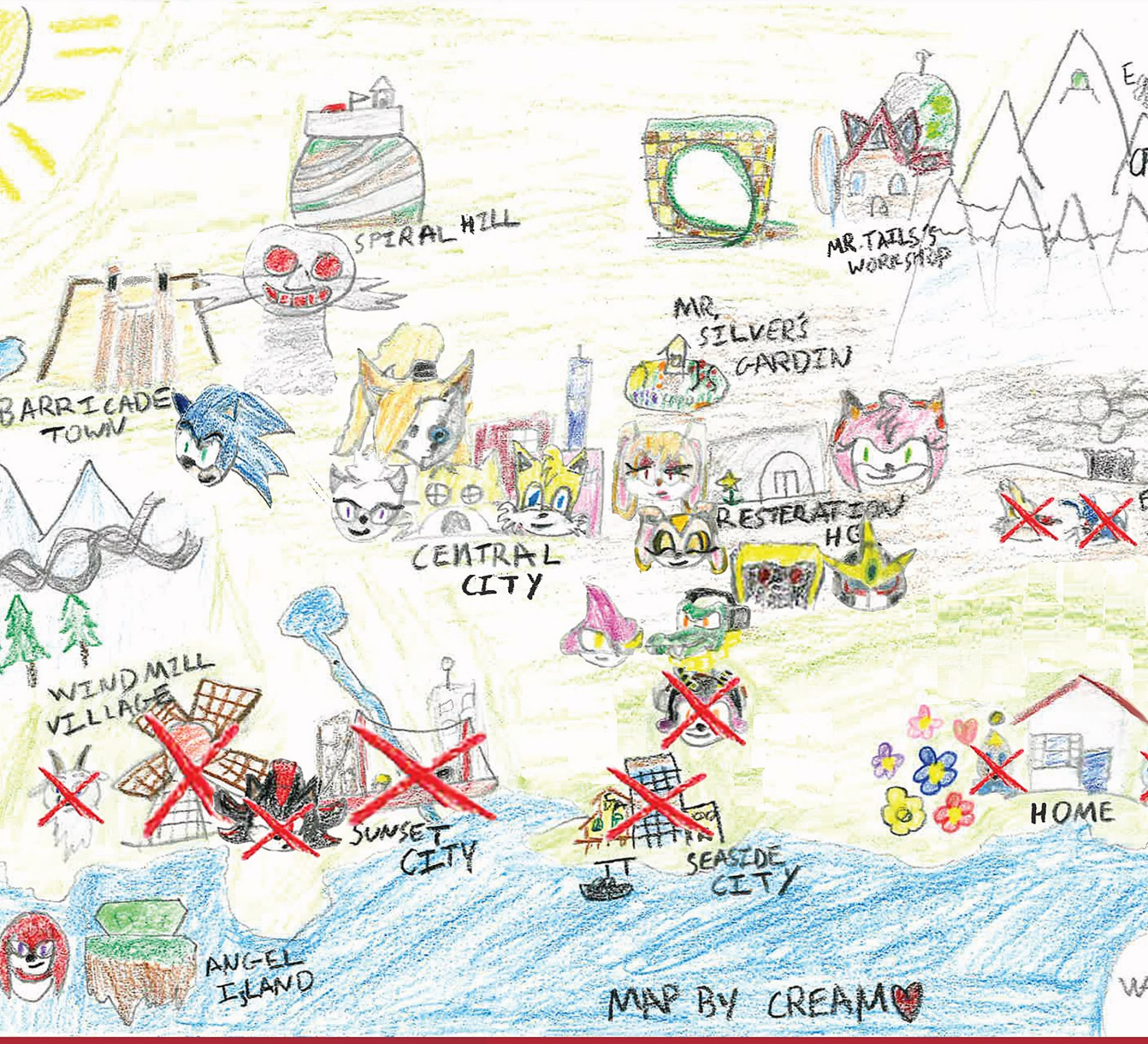

STORY SO FAR...

r. Eggman has unleashed a Metal Virus capable of infecting living rganic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that an infect others and that respond only to his command. As the letal Virus spreads, cities and heroes–including Sonic himself–have een infected.

ow, Tails finds himself in Central City, researching a cure…

.Amy organizes rescue missions from Restoration HQ…

.And Sonic races to create speed data for Tails's research…

.As it all comes down to the last minute!

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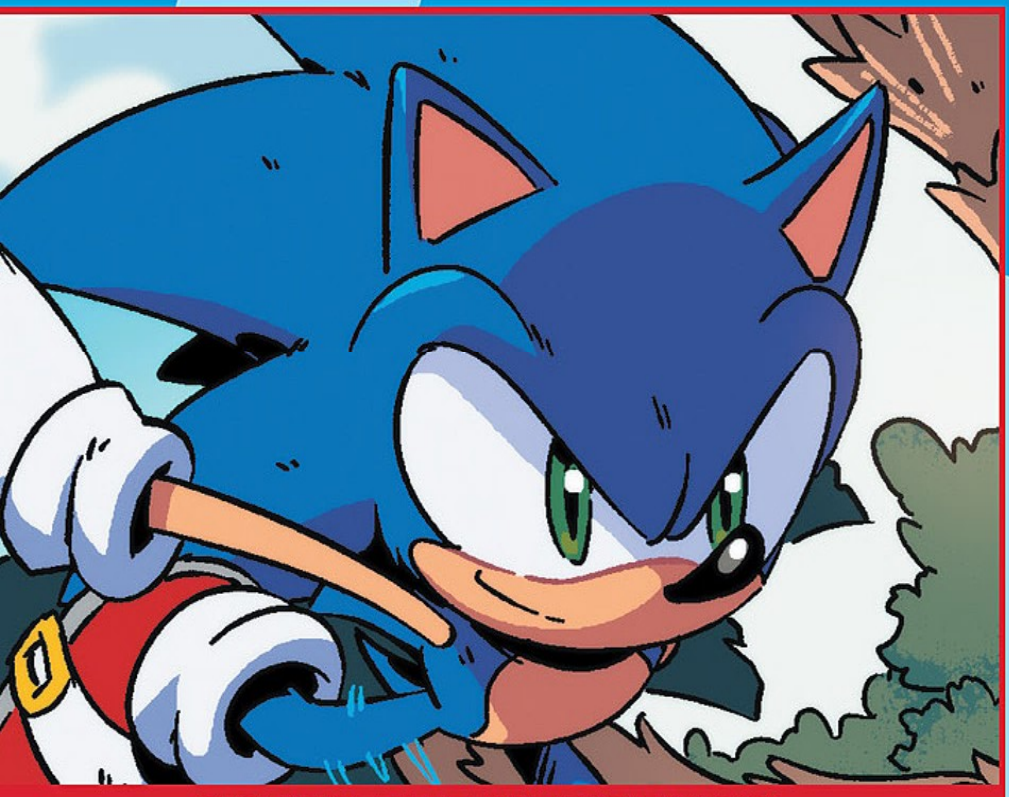


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.

DR. STARLINE
Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.

YO, TAILS! YOU THERE?

I'M HERE! WHERE ARE YOU?

I'M NOT FAR OUTSIDE OF BARRICADE TOWN.

EVERYTHING GOING WELL ON YOUR END?

YES AND VERY MUCH NO.

THE DATA FROM THAT BIO-SCANNER I GAVE YOU IS COMING IN PERFECTLY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EGGMAN HIT CENTRAL CITY WITH THE METAL VIRUS BEFORE WE GOT INTO TOWN.

YIKES. HANG TIGHT, I'LL MAKE A U-TURN AND BE THERE SOON.

NO-NO-NO! YOU KEEP RUNNING!

WE NEED YOUR SPEED DATA. IT MAY BE THE ONLY KEY TO FINDING A CURE! PLUS, IT'LL BE A BACKUP IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS ON MY END.

GOTCHA. STILL, STAY SAFE.

THANKS. I SHOULD BE FINE.

I'VE GOT TO LET YOU GO, SONIC.

SURE THING. YOU GO BE BRILLIANT.

I'LL TRY!

AND NOW I'M ON MY OWN AGAIN. USUALLY DOESN'T FEEL THIS LONELY...

THERE'S BARRICADE TOWN. SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY KNUCKLES AND I WERE BUSTING ROUGH AND TUMBLE'S EXTORTION RACKET.*

NOW THOSE MOOKS ARE ZOMBOTS AT THE BOTTOM OF A MINE.** HOPEFULLY THE TOWN IS...

EDITOR'S NOTE:
*STH #3
**STH #14

...NOPE. LOOKS LIKE IT FELL TO THE METAL VIRUS, TOO.

SHOULD I CHECK FOR SURVIVORS?

AND DO WHAT, SMART GUY? YOU CAN'T CARRY THEM TO SAFETY. AND IF A ZOMBOT GETS A LUCKY HIT ON TAILS'S GIZMO, WE LOSE OUT ON THE DATA.

SO... WHICH IS "RIGHT"? RISKING IT ALL TO MAYBE SAVE ONE PERSON? OR KEEP ON RUNNING SO I CAN SAVE EVERYONE?

WAITAMINUTE... IS THAT...?

EGGMAN.

NOW TRYING FREQUENCY 141.12.

UGH... ZOMBOTS. THIS IS YOUR MASTER SPEAKING.

EVERYONE—OH, I DON'T KNOW—LOOK EAST.

NOW TRYING FREQUENCY 141.13.

ARGH! THIS IS SO TEDIOUS! I SHOULD'VE RIGGED AN AUTOMATED VERSION TO PLAY FROM THE FACESHIP!

WIDE-BAND BROADCASTS HAVE HAD NO EFFECT. WE AGREED A TIGHT-BAND, LOCALIZED ATTEMPT WAS THE BEST NEXT STEP.

DON'T GET PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE WITH ME! IF YOU'RE GOING TO RIDE MY COATTAILS, THEN YOU BETTER HAVE MY BACK!

ALL I'M SAYING, SIR, IS THAT IN HINDSIGHT, IT WOULD'VE BEEN SMART TO HAVE A FAILSAFE FOR THE METAL VIRUS MUTATING BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.

IS IT REALLY MY FAULT WHEN MY CREATIONS EXCEED MY EXPECTATIONS?

HMM... MAYBE WE'RE GOING ABOUT THIS THE WRONG WAY. WHAT ABOUT YOUR SPECIAL GEMSTONE?

THE WARP TOPAZ?

INDEED! YOU'RE ABLE TO WARP SPACE-TIME TO CREATE PORTALS WITH JUST A SMALL ELECTRICAL CHARGE.

IMAGINE WHAT I COULD DO IF I HOOKED IT UP TO THE CHAOS EMERALDS ABOARD THE FACESHIP!

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

WHEN I FOUND IT, THE WARP TOPAZ RESPONDED STRONGLY TO EVEN THE MOST PASSIVE OF ENERGY WAVES!

IN MY EARLY EXPERIMENTS, ANYTHING ABOVE A LIGHT, CONTROLLED CHARGE RESULTED IN EXTREME REALITY ALTERATION.

IT CAN BE A USEFUL TOOL WHEN USED PROPERLY, BUT WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING IS EXCEEDINGLY DANGEROUS!

IT'LL BE FINE! WE JUST HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS!

"CAUTIOUS"? YOU ARE ANYTHING BUT CAUTIOUS!

YOU'VE YET TO INOCULATE US TO THE METAL VIRUS!

SHOWS WHAT YOU KNOW! THERE IS NO VACCINE!

THEN... BUT... HOW WERE YOU GOING TO PROTECT US FROM INFECTION?

BY NOT TOUCHING THE ZOMBOTS. DUH.

WHAT IF THERE WAS A SPILL ON THE FACESHIP?! OR A MISHAP IN THE FIELD?! OR IT MUTATES AND BECOMES AIRBORNE?!

YOU'VE EXCEEDED MY THRESHOLD FOR NITPICKING, DOCTOR.

IT'S NOT NITPICKING! IT'S COMMON SENSE!

YOU'LL SHUT YOUR BILL, OR I'LL STAPLE IT SHUT!

AWW, IS THE HONEY-MOON OVER ALREADY?

OH-HO-HO! IF IT ISN'T PATIENT ZERO!

HAVE YOU ENJOYED WATCHING MY UNBEATABLE PLAN UNFOLD?

FOR ONCE, I'M GOING TO SKIP THE BANTER.

YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW—*WHY DID YOU DO IT?*

HAHA—WHAT? I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD FOR ***YEARS***. YOU KNOW THAT. YOU'VE BEEN UNDERFOOT THE ENTIRE TIME.

I MEAN, GOING BACK TO THE "MAD SCIENTIST" SCHTICK.

SURE, DOCTOR FASHION DISASTER OVER THERE GAVE YOU BACK YOUR MEMORIES...*

*STH #12

...BUT ***YOU*** CHOSE TO GO BACK TO YOUR OLD WAYS. WHAT WAS WRONG WITH BEING LIKE MR. TINKER?

THAT'S NOT WHO I AM.

NOT *BE* HIM—BE *LIKE* HIM.

OH, *WHAT?* YOU WANT ME TO BE A CHARITABLE GOODY TWO-SHOES? FIXING DOORKNOBS AND BUILDING TOYS?

LIVING ON... GRATEFUL SMILES. LISTENING TO CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER, DAY IN, DAY OUT.

MAKING THINGS... PEOPLE NEED... AND...USE...

AHH... THAT LIFE *WAS* RELAXING. BUT I'M DOING SOMETHING *BETTER.*

I'M BRINGING PEACE AND UNITY TO THE WORLD, AND PROVIDING IT WITH MY BRILLIANT GUIDANCE.

NO, YOU'RE *NOT!*

AGREE TO DISAGREE.

YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT, YOU AND I. WE BOTH HAVE OUR OWN STYLES THAT WE WON'T CHANGE.

YEAH, BUT YOURS IS EVIL AND MINE'S NOT!

AGAIN— AGREE TO DISAGREE.

NNGH... I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME... AND I'M *TOTALLY* OUT OF PATIENCE...

YOU'RE GOING TO REVERSE THE METAL VIRUS OR ELSE—

"OR ELSE" *WHAT?* YOU CAN'T STOP ME! *NO ONE* CAN!

THE METAL VIRUS'S INFECTION HAS SPREAD EXPONENTIALLY! I COULDN'T STOP IT NOW EVEN IF I WANTED TO!

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO FIND A WAY TO COMMAND THE ZOMBOTS, AND THEN I WILL FINALLY *RULE THE WORLD!*

FINE! TAILS WILL HANDLE IT! AND *I'LL* HANDLE *YOU!*

HAHAHA! ONE LAST BATTLE BEFORE YOU'RE MY ZOMBOT SLAVE?

ONE LAST BUTT-KICKING BEFORE WE LOCK YOU AWAY FOREVER!

HERE IT IS. THE SCENE I'VE DREAMED OF SEEING FIRSTHAND.

AND ALL I FEEL IS... APATHY.

NEO METAL SONIC NEARLY SUCCEEDED IN REVIVING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. BUT HE ACTED TOO BRASHLY.

HE THOUGHT OVERWHELMING POWER WOULD WIN THE DAY WITHOUT A PROPER PLAN.*

*STH #9-11

I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE HE'D BEEN DESIGNED AS A COUNTER TO SONIC—A BALLISTIC MISSILE WITH A BUILT-IN GRUDGE.

BUT THE FIRST BIO-DATA HE DOWNLOADED WAS ***EGGMAN'S.***** AND HERE WE ARE, SEEING THE ***EXACT SAME*** BRUTE-FORCE STRATEGY.

**STH #7

I GOT LOST IN THE PAGEANTRY—IN HIS SHOWMANSHIP.

I WAS INSPIRED BY EGGMAN'S ***LEGEND.***

THE ***MAN*** SIMPLY DOESN'T MEASURE UP.

BRAK

YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER, RODENT! YOU'LL TIRE EVENTUALLY, AND THEN MY VIRUS WILL TAKE HOLD!

IF YOU'RE SO PROUD OF IT, WHY DON'T *YOU* TRY IT!

GAK! DON'T TOUCH ME!

WHOA!

GYAH!

THUD

SURE WOULD BE NICE IF YOU HAD A CURE HANDY, *HUH?*

S-S-STAY BACK! I C-C-C-COMMAND YOU—!

...THAT WORKED...?

NO. I FOUND AN EFFECTIVE COMMAND SIGNAL.

MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO USE MY OWN PLANS AFTER ALL.

BUT THEN, WHAT WILL *YOU* LEARN FROM THIS?

EXCELLENT WORK! NOW UPLOAD THAT FREQUENCY TO THE FACESHIP SO I CAN COMMAND THE ZOMBOTS OF THE WORLD!

NO!

SMASH

NO... ZOMBOT... ARMY... FOR YOU...

FZZT

PICK ME UP! PICK ME UP! PICK ME UP!

HIGHER! FASTER!

THERE'S TOO MUCH WEIGHT!

CRASH

SONIC, YOU IDIOT! NOW NOBODY CAN CONTROL THE ZOMBOTS! THEY'LL DESTROY MY FACTORIES ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE!

GEE. DARN. BETTER WORK ON A *CURE*, HUH?

NEVER! I'LL PAVE OVER THE HORDES IF I HAVE TO!

AS DUBIOUS AS THAT PLAN SOUNDS...

"...I SUGGEST WE TRY SOMETHING ELSE FIRST. LET'S RETREAT FOR NOW."

THIS IS A PYRRHIC VICTORY, SONIC! I'VE ALREADY WON THE WAR! YOU'RE JUST TOO STUBBORN TO ADMIT YOU'VE LOST!

VOIP

OH, MY ACHIN' HEAD... I *HATE* THAT HEDGEHOG...

I'M SORRY TO SAY THE UPLOAD FAILED, SIR.

THE FACESHIP— MANY MILES AWAY.

I'M AFRAID THAT IN ALL THE COMMOTION I DIDN'T MEMORIZE THE WORKING FREQUENCY. I *DO* RECALL THE RANGE, THOUGH, SO WE CAN START FROM...

EXCUSE ME?

MEH. WHY BOTHER?

IT'S TOO RISKY TO USE IT AT SO CLOSE A RANGE, AND BESIDES, THE METAL VIRUS IS MOST LIKELY ALREADY ADAPTING TO RESIST IT. I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THAT TEDIUM AGAIN JUST FOR IT TO NOT WORK.

THEN WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

FIRST? I ENJOY INFECTING... WHEREVER WE ARE. ORBOT?

SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE, SIR. THE METAL VIRUS HAS ALREADY BEEN DEPLOYED.

EXCELLENT. AFTER THAT... I DON'T KNOW. I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.

OH MAN... I DID EXACTLY WHAT TAILS WARNED ME *NOT* TO DO...

I DIDN'T PROTECT THE DATA-READER. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS.

I PUT MY FAITH IN THE IDEA EVERYONE HAS A *LITTLE* GOOD IN THEM, AND EGGMAN'S MADE ME PAY FOR IT EVERY DAY...

BWOSH

BUT I *CAN'T* GIVE UP. I'VE GOT TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS WHO ARE STILL SAFE. I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE THE ONES WHO GOT INFECTED.

I'VE SCREWED UP—*A LOT*—BUT I STILL HAVE TIME TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.

I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO COLLAPSE, THOUGH. IS THIS WHAT EVERYONE FEELS LIKE AFTER A RUN...?

SONIC. IT'S AMY. ARE YOU THERE?

I'M HERE! ON THE RUN. WHAT'S UP?

LISTEN, I... SONIC, IT'S *BAD*. RESTORATION BASE HAS FALLEN. ZOMBOTS DESTROYED TAILS'S LAB.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO TANGLE'S HOMETOWN TO EVACUATE IT. CAN YOU HELP?

I... YEAH, OF COURSE. I'M ON MY WAY.

HEH... MAN-O-MAN. I GUESS THE GOOD NEWS IS THINGS OFFICIALLY CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!

MEANWHILE, ON THE HIDDEN WORLD OF LOST HEX...

WE HAVE BEEN *TESTED*, MASTER ZIK. EGGMAN *USED* US AS HIS ENFORCERS. SONIC *HUMILIATED* US IN BATTLE.

THIS *WILL NOT* GO UNANSWERED.

BUT VENGEANCE MUST BE *EXACT*. IT WAS WISE OF YOU TO HAVE US BIDE OUR TIME, LETTING OUR *HATRED* AND *ANGER* FESTER.

AND NOW OUR PATIENCE HAS PAID OFF.

DR. STARLINE.

ZAVOK.

YOU'VE RETURNED SOONER THAN I ANTICIPATED.

YES, WELL, TODAY'S EVENTS HAVE CEMENTED THE FACT YOUR ABILITIES ARE NEEDED.

YOU *CAN* EXERT YOUR WILL OVER MACHINES, CORRECT?

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED A DEMON-STRATION.

WHETHER IT'S *ONE* ROBOT OR *ONE HUNDRED*, THE DEADLY SIX AND I CAN COMMAND THEM ALL.

WE ARE ALL *VERY* EAGER TO SEE EGGMAN AGAIN. WHEN CAN WE BEGIN TO SERVE HIM?

...VERY SOON. I JUST NEED TO DO SOME LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS ON MY END.

WE SHALL WAIT WITH BATED BREATH.

I'LL BE IN TOUCH.

THE NAÏVE FOOL. HE HAS NO IDEA WE WILL TAKE EGGMAN'S UNRULY ARMY AND TURN IT AGAINST HIM.

JUST SO, MASTER ZIK.

WE WILL JOURNEY TO THE LANDS BELOW. WE WILL TAKE COMMAND OF THESE "ZOMBOTS." WE WILL USE THEM TO DESTROY EGGMAN, DESTROY SONIC, AND DESTROY THE WORLD THEY HAVE WARRED OVER FOR SO LONG!

OUR VENGEANCE WILL BE MERCILESS! OUR VICTORY— *ABSOLUTE!*

THE FILES SAID EGGMAN USED THE CACOPHONOUS CONCH TO ENSLAVE THE ZETI, AND THAT THEY WERE EAGER TO TURN ON HIM.

ZAVOK IS PLANNING TO BETRAY ME THE MINUTE HE STEPS ABOARD.

BUT I'VE DONE MY RESEARCH. AND BEING AN AVID COLLECTOR OF EGGMAN'S PARAPHERNALIA...

...MEANS I'M ALREADY PREPARED.

TAKE NOTE, EGGMAN. THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT.

NEXT TIME: THE BATTLE FOR SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Seems like everything's gone a little bit (or a lot) wrong for our heroes. But Sonic's still running off the infection and he sent Drs. Eggman and Starline packing, so that's a win! Once more, it all came down to "The Last Minute, Part 3" by Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee! As Sonic races to Spiral Hill, let's take a look at your art and letters!

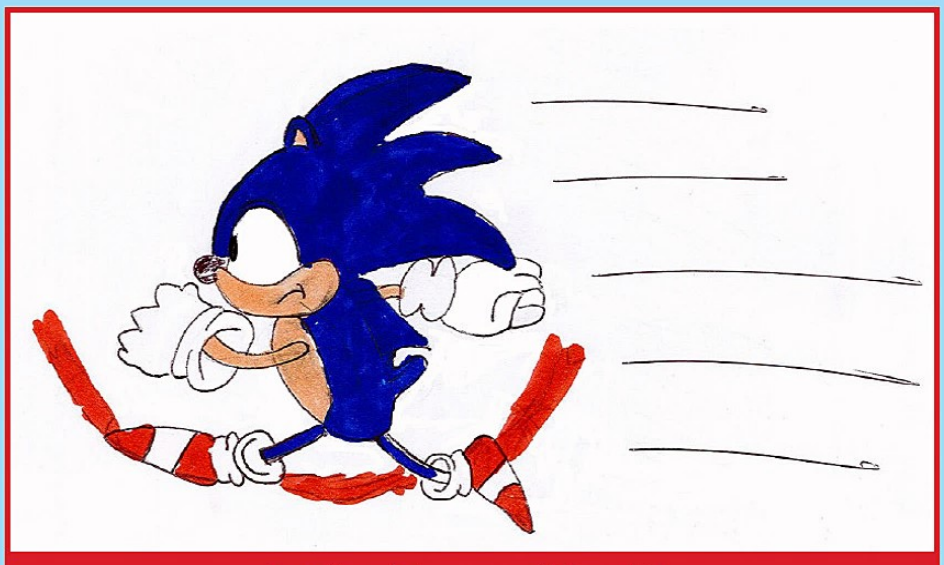
Hello!

I have played couple of Sonic games, but I didn't know much about the characters. I had really weird expectations and prejudices. I thought, for example, that Knuckles and Vector were bad guys, lol. xD So, I wanted to learn more about all the characters in Sonic's world and that's when I found your awesome comics. I've enjoyed reading them because the story arcs are interesting and solving these crises brings together a lot of team members. My favorite characters are Knuckles, Silver, Espio, and Whisper, and it's so cool that they all have been included in a current storyline (well, we haven't seen Knux for a while, but that's okay, because he had a quite big role rescuing Angel Island early on). I don't even know why I'm writing this with my terrible English skills, but anyway, I want to thank your team for all the hard work that you put for making these comics.

Kasa

Hi Kasa,

Glad we could help you out with more context–and seems like we got you from thinking Knuckles was a bad guy to having him be one of your favorites, so that's pretty cool! You're right, the current crises have brought everyone together and then a lot of them have become zombots… But, you bring up a good question: where is Knuckles in all this chaos? Maybe we'll get to see him sometime soon!



Art by Fraser Mackie

Hello to the Sonic Comic Squad:

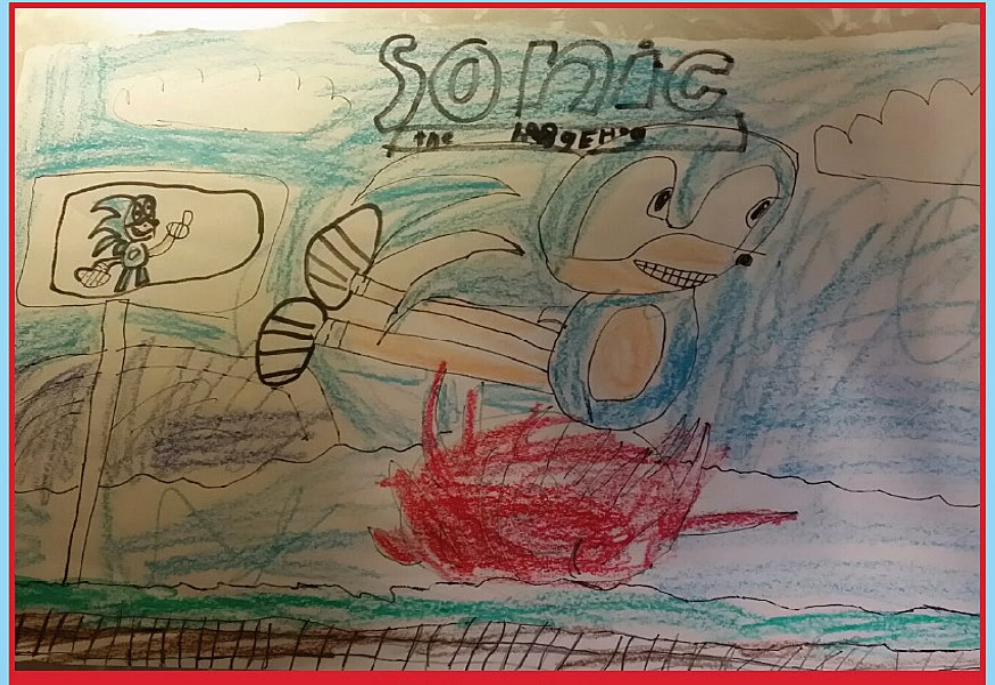
I'm Emily Ann, and I've been a loyal and proud Sonic fan since early 2013, and I've specifically been a Tails fan ever since. He's been very inspirational and encouraging for me throughout my darkest times, starting with a tragic loss in my life; it was Tails's experiences throughout the canon that have come together and helped me learn to believe in myself and just keep going through my daily struggles, especially with me being on the Autism Spectrum. Life's hard for both of us, so I've always been able to relate. Anyways, I've fully enjoyed the Sonic comics here since the very beginning. I've collected every single last issue, and right now, the 22nd issue came out, and the Metal Virus arc has left me wanting more at the end of each issue. I'm very attached to the comics and honored to be an excited reader. I hope what's to come continues to excite me like it has thus far. Kudos to Ian Flynn for his amazing work as a main writer!

From a loyal fan,
Emily Ann Lancman

Hi Emily,

Thanks for sharing your story and we're glad to hear that you're enjoying the comics. Life really can be hard, as shown in the past few issues, but even when things are tough, the heroes stick it out and do the right thing. We're very glad to hear that resonates with you and if it's true for you, it's true for other readers, too. Sorry for the lack of Tails in this one, but I'm sure you'll find in upcoming issues that Tails is keeping at it and trying to save the day, even after the loss of his lab and the cure.

Art by Calum Menelaws



Art by Torin

Hey there IDW Sonic Team!

I want to say that I really admire your work and the time and effort you put into writing these stories! I do like how the series has a more serious tone than the games! I hope we see more of that in the future! I love the games and how the comic can derive from the source material and expand upon it! It really goes to show that the team puts time and effort into it and I love it! And I'd like to ask a few questions:

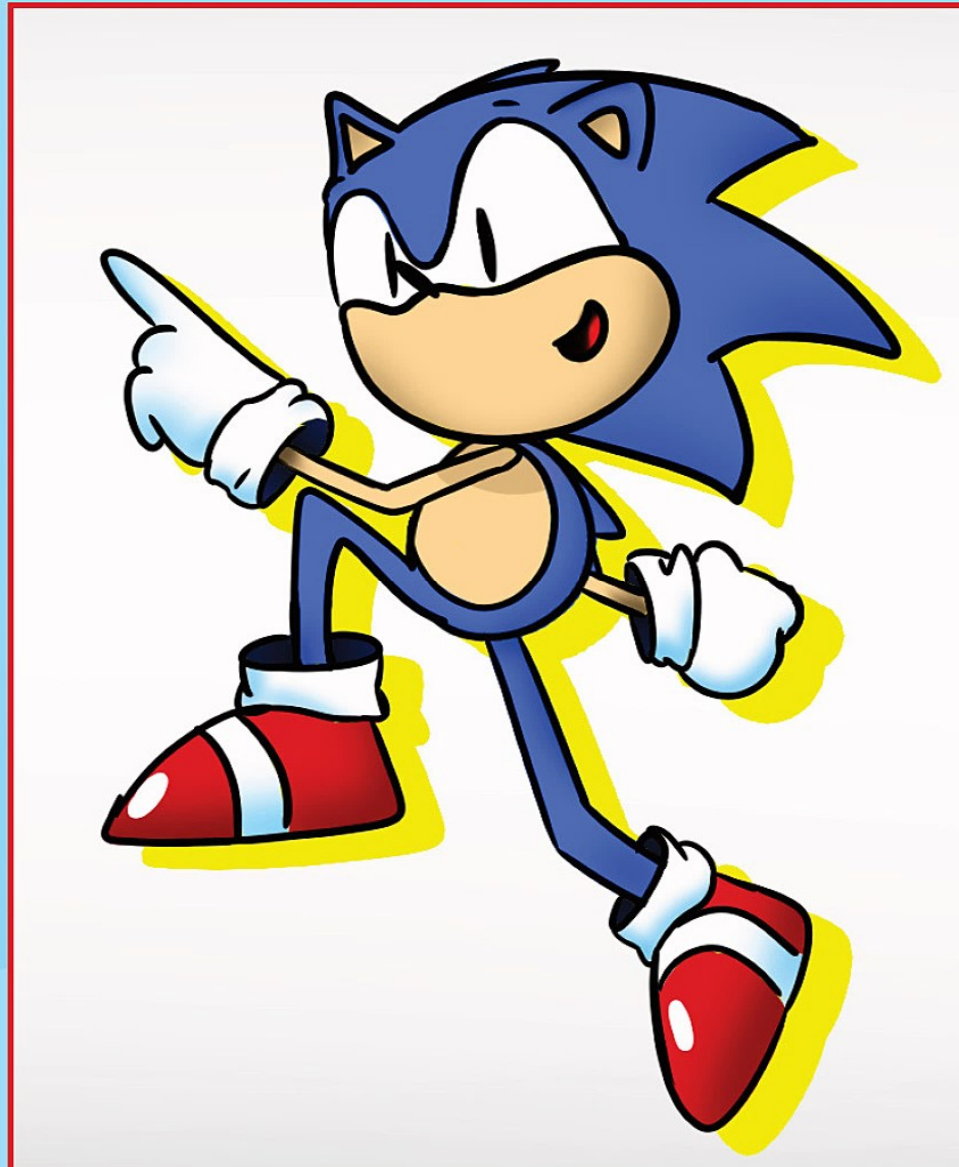
1. Will we see more new artists in the series? It'd be cool to see other artists give the series it's own style in each issue!
2. Will there be more villains independent of Eggman and his Empire?
3. In the far, far, far away future… will we see a glimpse at Sonic's multiverse? I know it's HIGHLY unlikely, but is it possible?
4. Will artists like Tyson Hesse and Patrick Spaziante return in the future?
5. Will we see more unique pairings with the cast in future stories?

Stay awesome!
Matthew

Hi Matthew!

Wow, those are a lot of really great questions! We'll try to quickly answer them all (and very much appreciate your kind words about the series)!

1. Last issue, #22 was Priscilla Tramontano's first solo issue, so I'd say she counts as a new artist (and did a fantastic job)! But we always love finding new talented folks to contribute to Sonic, so more artists are always a possibility.
2. More independent villains, hmm? Well, I guess you'll have to keep reading to find out, but technically, the Deadly 6 aren't part of Eggman's crew.
3. There are a lot of great iterations of Sonic, but at least for the foreseeable future, we're focused on this one exclusively.
4. It's all about scheduling, but we did get Tyson Hesse to do a cover to the upcoming issue #25, out in January!
5. Yes.



Art by Jorge Arturo Reyes Puerta

I'm gonna be blunt, I've been a fan of Sonic the Hedgehog for about 2 weeks now. I played one of the games on a whim, and had such a surprising amount of fun that I've completed a total of 7 games, wikidived like no other, and have even bee watching quite a few of the animated series on the side. I have also just blasted through the currently released issues for the new Sonic comic, and I am absolutely enthralled. This has absolutely been my favorite Sonic-related media so far, between the absolutely amazing artwork that flows beautifully and shows character expression to its fullest and the writing that perfectly represents every single character in such unique and engaging scenarios, truly am just blown away. Sonic has quickly becom such a huge source of joy to me, and this comic is definitely something I'll remain eager for as long as it's running. Can't wait to read more!

Argie Smith

Hi Argie!

We know it has been a few months since we first received this letter, so we're pretty sure you've been a fan for more than two weeks, but it's amazing to hear about how deeply invested you've become and how much you like the comic. To consume that much Sonic in such a short amount of time and still say that we're your favorite means a lot to everyone working on the book, and I hope you've been enjoying all things Sonic since you firs sent in your letter!

Thanks for joining us, Squad!

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HERE WE ARE—*TEAM SONIC*—ON *PLANET WISP.*

DRIVING CARS FAST ENOUGH TO ENTERTAIN EVEN SONIC, ON CRAZY TRACKS STOCKED WITH WISP POWER-UPS.

ALL FOR AN ECCENTRIC MYSTERY MAN, DODON PA. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE COMES FROM OR WHY HE HOSTS RACES.

BLUE HEDGEHOG OR BLACK HEDGEHOG? WHO WILL SURVIVE? *HOHOHOHO.*

SERIOUSLY, I WONDER. THEY'RE BOTH PRETTY GOOD...

AND WE'RE LOSING! WHAT?!

COOL SUMMARY, TAILS. NOW HOW ABOUT WE FOCUS UP AND WIN THIS THING?

HEH. TOTALLY!

SONIC AND SHADOW ARE OFF IN THEIR OWN LITTLE WORLD IN THEIR SPEED-TYPE CARS, BUT WE'VE GOTTA MAKE SURE TO WIN, TOO.

RIGHT! WE'VE GOT THE TEAM SCORE TO THINK ABOUT.

BRING-THE-PAIN PROTOCOLS INITIATED.

HNGH! I CAN HANDLE OMEGA IN MY POWER-TYPE RACER...

...BUT MORE MATTERS THAN JUST HOW MANY ***MILES PER HOUR*** WE DRIVE.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO OUTWIT ROUGE WITH YOUR TECHNIQUE-TYPE CAR SKILLS!

ROGER. I'VE NOTICED EVERYONE'S CAR HAS A UNIQUE SLIPSTREAM.

I THINK THAT'S THE KEY TO USING KINETIC CONTACT TO OUR ADVANTAGE!

SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD CALL YOU "BRAINS" INSTEAD OF "TAILS."

INDEED. YOUR CARS CAN DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS!

AND THE VIDEO SCREENS, TOO! MY EXPENSIVE RACE, MY RULES! *HOHOHOHO!*

GAH! YOU CAN TALK THROUGH OUR CARS!

UNFF!

YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON YOUR OPPONENT— *ME.*

I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO GET AHEAD. WATCH AND LEARN ABOUT—

KRNSH

—RESOURCEFULNESS.

KA-SPLODE

NOT COOL, WISPS!

I THOUGHT WE WERE POWER-UP PALS!

YOU WANT RESOURCEFULNESS, SHADOW? HERE'S SOME POWER FOR YOUR TEAM!

WHOMP

ECHIDNA IMPACT EXPERIENCED.

BAT IMPACT IMMINENT.

WHAT THE—

WHOOSH

BOOST DETECTED.

WHOOSH

ZOOM

WOW! THANKS FOR THE BOOST, KNUCKLES!

SURE YOU'RE NOT ON OUR TEAM?

GRRRR! YOU KNUCKLEHEAD.

DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP!

YOU JUST DISCOVERED THE SKIMBOOST! I BET WE CAN PULL ONE OFF, TOO!

I GOTTA ADMIT, I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN DODON PA INVITED US TO RACE.

BUT GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH SHADOW AND HIS TEAM IS WAY MORE FUN THAN DEALING WITH—

—EGGMAN?!

VRRRRRT

IN THE FLESH, HEDGEHOGS!

NOW WATCH A TRUE GENIUS AT WORK!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLOTTING, BUT WHATEVER IT IS—IT WON'T KEEP ME FROM CROSSING THE FINISH LINE FIRST!

...NO! I'M TOTALLY HERE TO RACE AS A SPECIAL GUEST!

SURE, WHY NOT?

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